

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This paper is responsive to a final Office Action dated August 10, 2006. Prior to this amendment, claims 21-54 were pending. Claims 21-25 have been cancelled. No claims have been amended. Claims 26-54 are allowed.

The Office Action indicated that claims 26-54 are allowed. The applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable claims.

The Office Action rejected claims 21-25 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Knutson et al. (US 6,563,862). The applicant respectfully disagrees. However, to expedite prosecution, the applicant has cancelled claims 21-25.

Accordingly, the rejections with respect to claims 21-25 are moot. The applicant reserves the right to prosecute the subject matter of claims 21-25 in this or another patent application.

The applicant has considered the references that were made of record by the Office Action. The applicant asserts that the claimed invention is patentably distinct from the cited references.

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